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SUBJECT: PUNISHMENT OF MELOY AND WARING MURDERERS

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DURING MY CALL ON EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR METWALII ON AUGUST 2, WE DISCUSSED THE RECENT RASH OF KIDNAPPINGS IN BEIRUT AND THE MURDER OF LEBANESE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE KHALIL SALEM. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THESE LAWLESS ACTS AND THEN SPOKE OF IMPORTANCE OF REESTABLISHING SECURITY PROTECTION AGAINST SUCH VIOLENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR SEELYE'S PREVIOUS DISCUSSION WITH HIM ON JULY 5 (BEIRUT 5869) CONCERNING MURDERERS OF AMBASSADOR MELOY AND BOB WARING. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD RECEIVED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM PLO, THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PLO WAS CONTINUING TO HOLD THREE MEN ACCUSED OF THE CRIME. THE PLO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO PURSUE ITS INVESTIGATION RIGOROUSLY BECAUSE OF RECENT PRESSURE OF OTHER EVENTS, BUT THAT PLO STILL ACCEPTED FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPREHENDING THE ASSASSINS SINCE IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY IN AREA WHERE THE KIDNAPPING AND MURDERS HAD TAKEN PLACE. HUNT

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